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SUBJECT: ANC LEADER SITHOLE SEES NO CHANGE IN US POLICY
TOWARD RHODESIA

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

REF: LUSAKA 0849

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. ANC ZANU LEADER REV NDABANINGI SITHOLE
RETURNED TO LUSAKA MAY 15. IN AIRPORT PRESS INTERVIEW
SITHOLE REPORTEDLY SAID US IS STILL FOLLOWING POLICY OF
HEPHING IAN SMITH TO OPPRESS PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE. SITHOLE
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FELT ASST SECY DAVIS TO BE "DEFENSIVE AND NOT FORTHCOMING"

DURING THEIR DISCUSSION IN WASHINGTON. ADDED "US HAS HAD NO POLICY OF ITS OWN ON LIBERATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA AND HAS ALWAYS FOLLOWED BRITISH POLICY OF NON-INTERFERENCE." SITHOLE ALSO DISSATISFIED WITH HIS TALKS WITH BRITISH WHOM HE FOUND "EVASIVE". ANC INTENDS HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH FRELIMO RE RHODESIAN SANCTIONS BUT THESE AND OTHER ECONOMIC PRESSURES DISCUSSED BY COMMONWEALTH LEADERS WILL NOT BE COMPLETELY "FOOL PROOF". ONLY DECISIVE FACTOR WILL BE INTENSIFIED ARMED STRUGGLE. SITHOLE DOES NOT PLAN RETURN TO RHODESIA NOW BECAUSE SMITH TOLD MUZOREWA HE WOULD BE DETAINED. HE HOPES RETURN "SOON". END UNCLASSIFIED

2. IN OUR TALK WITH ANC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER CHICKEREMA MAY 13, HE SAID MUZOREWA HAD BRIEFED HIM ON MUZOREWA/SITHOLE MEETING WITH ASST SECY. ACCORDING CHICKEREMA, MUZOREWA APPRECIATED OPPORTUNITY TALK WITH ASST SECY BUT HE REALIZED LATTER OBLIGED FOLLOW OFFICIAL LINE AND MEETING WITH US CONGRESSMEN HAD BEEN MUCH MORE POSITIVE AND ENCOURAGING. WE NOTE ALSO THAT MAY 5 WIRELESS FILE QUOTED SITHOLE AS SAYING "WE DID GET SOME GLIMMER OF HOPE" FROM USG OFFICIALS.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE TO REFTTEL.
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